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A legitimate banking business transacted in all its branches. Exchange  
 on all the cities of the United States bought at par. Highest prices paid for  
 Mexican Dollars.



THERE ISN'T ANY GUESS  
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About our shoes, they are made "upon honor," by manu-  
 facturers whose reputations are not for sale. We've got  
 faith enough in these shoes to stamp our name on every  
 pair, and we are selling them at half usual profits.

PEW & SON, Shoe Dealers.

## A Boast Which We Rightfully Make!

Nothing but the best MEN'S WEAR  
 is to be found on our shelves and  
 counters. We will not deal in  
 SHODDY GOODS.

## WE HAVE NO USE FOR THEM.

From Now Until the New  
 Year we will Give Great Re-  
 ductions in all Lines. Come  
 and See for Yourself.

## Golden Eagle Clothing House

Mail orders receive prompt attention. MUNDY BLOCK

**\$2.50 NEW \$2.50**

ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW.  
 Having adopted a new system of guaranteeing and insuring  
 watch repairs from this date, it will cost you only two dollars and a  
 half to keep your watch in Perfect Order For  
 One Year. No matter how badly broken it is or what acci-  
 dent may happen within the year, I KEEP IT IN ORDER.

You Pay Once and No More  
 "If the watch is worth repairing."



Face-Simile of my guarantee given with each watch repaired.

This does not include case repairs; I also except Howard and fine  
 Swiss watches from the above price, but I make the charge proportion-  
 ately as low. Don't Pay from Two to  
 Twenty Dollars a YEAR to keep your  
 watch running when for two fifty you get an absolute guarantee by

## A. H. RICHARDS,

Watches & Diamonds,  
 \$2.50 SHELDON BLOCK, \$2.50  
 EL PASO - TEXAS

## DR. KING, SPECIALIST,

OFFICES, Presidential Block, (Up Stairs) Corner  
 CONSULTATION AND EXAMINATION

FREE.

CATARRH Treated by the EXHALATION PROCESS. The latest methods for the  
 CURE OF THROAT, BRONCHIAL AND LUNG TROUBLES.

UTERINE DISEASES NERVOUS PROSTRATION, Falling of the  
 UNNATURAL DISCHARGES and many other troubles peculiar to women. Uteration,  
 BLOOD POISON, PRIMAARY, SECONDARY OR TERTIARY, positively  
 CURED without the use of surgery, all complications  
 such as Sore Throat, Ulcers, Sore Gums, Pimples, Pain in the Joints readily disappear un-  
 der my treatment and a permanent CURE is guaranteed in every case.

RECTAL DISEASES, PILES Such as Prolapsus, Hemorrhoids, Internal, External  
 "itching" positively CURED without the use of surgery, all complications  
 such as Pimples, Ulcers, Sore Gums, Pimples, Pain in the Joints readily disappear un-  
 der my treatment and a permanent CURE is guaranteed in every case.

PRIVATE DISEASES Nervous Debility, LOSS OF MANHOOD, In young and middle  
 age men, CURE and perfect MANHOOD restored. UN-  
 NATURAL DISCHARGES, GONORRHOEA, GLEET, STRICTURE POSITIVELY CURED  
 For Symptom Blanks, satisfactory results Guaranteed through my perfect  
 system of correspondence

## A MOCK ORANGE

Looks all right and is all  
 right to look at, but when  
 you taste it you wish you  
 had kept it simply as an  
 ornament. We have a  
 fresh lot of - - -

## JUICE - HEAVY ORANGES

Fresh from the sunny  
 clime of Mexico where  
 sweet things grow. The  
 sight of them will make  
 your mouth water. We  
 also have a full line of  
 seasonable fruits - - -

## FRESH, CANNED AND EVAPORATED

We can't recommend our  
 York State Pure Cider  
 too highly. Write your  
 orders or come in person  
 and you will get the best  
 attention and first-class  
 groceries at - - -

## J. B. Watson's

The Grocer, Phone 151,  
 Cor. San Antonio and Stanton Streets  
 EL PASO, TEXAS.

## Holiday Presents.

Not "How Cheap," but "How Appro-  
 priate," and being so appropriate,  
 not so very dear.

READ THIS LIST FROM TOP TO BOTTOM!

Mexican Carved Leather IN BELTS, CHATELAINES, CARD CASES, POCKET BOOKS, ETC., ETC.

Washburn and cheaper Grades of Mandolins and Guitars.

## MEXICAN DRAWN WORK.

Standard and Domestic Sewing Ma-  
 chines.

Mexican Opals, Onyx and Zaratopes.

COLUMBIA AND CRESCENT BICYCLES.

Indian Baskets and Navajo Blankets.

Eastman Kodaks and Films.

Mexican Art in Silver and Gold.

A. B. Chase and J. and C. Fischer and  
 Sterling Pianos.

READ THIS LIST FROM BOTTOM TO TOP!

## W. G. WALZ COMPANY

Music Store, Bicycle and Sewing Ma-  
 chine Depot.

## THE INS AND OUTS.

Going and Coming of El Paso People  
 and Others

T. P. Shelton left this afternoon on a  
 business trip to Arizona.

Miss Ida Elder, of Albuquerque, will  
 spend Christmas in this city.

Capt. Beall has gone to Phoenix as a  
 delegate to the irrigation convention.

Mr. Ritchie of the Vandalia and Col.  
 Billy Wilson left for Phoenix yester-  
 day.

G. A. Richardson, of Roswell, and J.  
 B. Campbell, of El Paso, were in town  
 yesterday.

George Bovee left this afternoon for  
 San Francisco, where he is to engage  
 in bicycle racing.

Mrs. S. W. Magoffin and children  
 arrived from St. Paul this afternoon  
 for a few weeks visit with the family of  
 Judge Magoffin.

E. W. Senior, a prominent Nashville,  
 Tenn., business man, and wife are at  
 the El Paso. Senior will remain all  
 winter, while Mrs. Senior returns north  
 in two months.

H. W. Shedd and wife of Kansas City  
 are visiting with the family of their  
 son, I. A. Shedd, on Missouri street for  
 a few weeks. They will continue on to  
 California after the holidays.

A dance was given last night on San  
 Francisco street by colored people, to  
 raise funds with which to secure a sec-  
 ond trial for Della Thorne, who is  
 serving a term for shooting at the  
 darky preacher.

The Water company is putting hose  
 connections in front of its office for the  
 sprinkling of the little plaza, as the  
 lay of the land is too awkward for the  
 wagon sprinkler to do the work effec-  
 tually.

The G. H. is four hours late today  
 because of belated connections at Al-  
 giers.

## FIRE AT SILVER CITY.

THE SKELLY BLOCK ENTIRELY  
 DESTROYED.

The Postoffice and Three Stores Gone  
 Up Because of a Defective Flue.

Loss \$7,500.

Special to the Herald.

SILVER CITY, N. M., December 15.—  
 Fire this morning destroyed the Skelly  
 block in this city, in which was  
 located the United States postoffice and  
 three stores. A defective flue was the  
 cause of the conflagration, and for a  
 time a goodly portion of the business  
 center of the town, including the opera  
 house, was in great danger.

The postoffice building was entirely  
 destroyed, but the letter mail and the  
 contents of the safe, including the  
 register and money order business,  
 were saved. Baxton Bishop, occupying  
 the same building with a news and  
 confectionary stock, lost \$1,500, fully  
 covered by insurance. D. Marks' photographic gallery is a total loss at  
 \$500. B. Levison lost \$1,500 on his  
 stock of clothing, which is partly cov-  
 ered by insurance. A barber shop,  
 owned by Louis Coleman, and a Chinese  
 restaurant lost about \$2,000.

The block was under mortgage to  
 the Fidelity Building and Loan asso-  
 ciation, of Denver, Col., on which  
 there is an insurance of \$3,000, which  
 will be fully protected. L. A. Skelly,  
 the owner of the block, will lose over  
 \$2,000.

## MEXICAN NOTES.

Juarez to Have a Woman Postmaster.  
 Asphalt Sidewalks.

The state of Chihuahua is to have a  
 state fair at the capital, and the papers  
 are backing the scheme up in com-  
 mendable shape.

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There is now a night telegraphic  
 service between these cities, Chihua-  
 hua, Ciudad Lerdo, Zacatecas, Duran-  
 go, Mazatlan, Monterey, San Luis  
 Potosi, Tampico, Toluca, Puebla,  
 Cuernavaca, Acapulco, Vera Cruz, Oaxa-  
 ca, Tehuantepec, Salina Cruz, Coatzaco-  
 coscos, San Juan Bautista, Laguna del  
 Carmen, Isla Aguada, Merida y Mex-  
 ico. This night service is open to the  
 public from 10 p. m. to 5 a. m., the  
 price of messages being one half the  
 regular day rate. Special or urgent  
 messages will be charged 20 per  
 cent less than the day rate.

The Revista of Juarez does not like  
 it because the street cars run in their  
 present direction, and wants the man-  
 agement to reverse the order of things.  
 The chief difficulty seems to be the ter-  
 rible hardships the editor of the Revista  
 is subjected to in making street railway  
 connections with the Mexican consulate  
 in this city.

Mrs. Bauche has returned with her  
 children from quite a long visit to the  
 Mexican capital.

The Juarez papers don't think the  
 post office, which was opened quite as  
 auspiciously as last season. However,  
 it is doing "pretty well, thank ye," so  
 it will be all right anyhow.

Solemn mass will be read in the  
 church of the Sacred Heart on Saturday,  
 January 2, in commemoration of the  
 death, just one year ago, of Sr. D.  
 Matilde A. Duchesne.

Mrs. Eugenia Daguerre de Najera  
 has returned from Nogales where she  
 has been visiting with her sister, Mrs.  
 Anita Daguerre. Her husband, Sr. D.  
 Matilde A. Duchesne, is the Mexican  
 collector at that point. The two  
 went down to Guaymas where they  
 were entertained, and had a fine  
 time.

Charles Richardson, of Juarez, has  
 laid an asphalt sidewalk in front of his  
 premises in Juarez, and the Revista  
 takes the occasion in patting him on  
 the back for so doing, to call the city  
 council's attention to the necessity of  
 reforming many of the Juarez side-  
 walks which appear to be in bad con-  
 dition.

Juarez is to feel the effects of the  
 new woman in the appointment  
 as postmistress of that burgh, of La  
 Srita. Maria Rosel. Miss Rosel has  
 been officiating as postmistress at  
 Nogales, where she will in a few days  
 hand over to Sr. D. Manuel M.  
 Marquez who is known in literary circles  
 as "Fidela."

Colonel D. Joaquin Terrazas is visit-  
 ing the different military posts in the  
 second military zone, in the state of  
 Chihuahua.

Carlos Escobar is home on a visit  
 from the Mexican military academy.

The English school in Juarez is doing  
 well, under the direction of Mr. D.  
 Silvestre Chairez, has been sent to  
 Chihuahua to serve out an eight years  
 sentence for opening another man's  
 letters.

The Juarez papers are holding their  
 noses and crying "Whew, what a  
 smell!" The occasion of this is the or-  
 namentation of the streets with dead  
 dogs which are run over by vehicles  
 and are decomposed in the atmos-  
 phere thereby laden with odors not  
 of Araby. The Revista wants this class  
 of street decoration abolished.

An all night dance and social was  
 given recently at the residence of Sr.  
 D. Pablo Cuaron.

Luis L. Samaniego has recovered  
 from his severe illness.

Guadalupe day was appropriately  
 celebrated on Saturday in the Juarez  
 church, where mass was sung by  
 several prominent sacerdotes accompa-  
 nied by a number of instrumental musi-  
 cians.

Three in a Bunch.

There were three fire alarms turned  
 in last night within a few minutes of  
 each other. The first one came from  
 the corner of Chihuahua and San  
 Francisco streets. The bed in a Mexi-  
 can jacal, 200 San Francisco street,  
 caught fire, which set the floor also on  
 fire. An alarm was turned in from the  
 jacal, and the house put out. The pre-  
 mises were occupied by Mrs. and Miss Es-  
 contras who were absent at the time.  
 Loss nominal.

The fireman had no sooner returned  
 to the city hall when an alarm was  
 sent in from the Vendome. One of the  
 wash houses in the vicinity had caught  
 fire, and some of the clothes burned up.  
 Officer Archer turned in the alarm  
 and aided the celestial in extinguish-  
 ing the fire. Loss nominal.

A third alarm was sent in from the  
 south side, but as it was of no account,  
 no attention was paid to it.

## IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

The Fifth Session Begins Today at  
 Phoenix, Ariz.

The fifth national irrigation congress  
 meets at Phoenix, A. T., Dec. 15, 16  
 and 17. The delegates will go into  
 "the enemy's country," for Arizona is  
 notoriously arid.

The four irrigation congresses pre-  
 ceding the one to meet in Phoenix  
 were held at Salt Lake City, Los An-  
 geles, Denver and Albuquerque, all of  
 them in territory which abounds in  
 illustrations of the possibilities and  
 accomplishments of irrigation. It has  
 been the business of these congresses  
 to negotiate with a view to awakening  
 public interest in the irrigation ques-  
 tion and obtaining legislation. There  
 is a more active interest in the subject  
 now than there ever has been, and the  
 initial steps have been taken by con-  
 gress to assist in the reclamation of  
 the arid lands of the west.

Among the principal speakers are  
 F. H. Newell, chief of the Hydrographic  
 Survey at Washington, D. C., who  
 will discuss "Irrigation in Humid  
 America," Professor Willis L. Moore,  
 chief of the Weather Bureau at Wash-  
 ington, on "Sensible Climate," and  
 Professor E. A. Hilgard, professor of  
 Agriculture University of California  
 on "Soils." Not the least interesting  
 feature of the congress will be the  
 discussion of "International Irrigation  
 Questions," by delegates from Canada,  
 Mexico and attaches of the foreign  
 legations at Washington. Not the  
 least prominent among the delegates  
 will be Elwood Mead of Cheyenne,  
 Wyo., whose work in behalf of irriga-  
 tion is widely known throughout the  
 country.

The delegates to the congress will  
 be members of the national ex-  
 ecutive committee; all members of  
 state and territorial irrigation com-  
 missions; five delegates at large appointed  
 by the respective governing bodies of  
 the following states and territories—  
 Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho,  
 Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada,  
 New Mexico, North Dakota, Okla-  
 homa, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas,  
 Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Three delegates at large for each other  
 state and territory, appointed by the  
 governors, or in the case of the  
 District of Columbia by the president  
 of the United States, and one dele-  
 gate each from regularly or-  
 ganized irrigation, agricultural and  
 horticultural societies, and societies of  
 engineers, irrigation companies, agri-  
 cultural colleges and commercial  
 bodies, such as boards of trade, cham-  
 bers of commerce, etc.; duly accredited  
 representatives of any foreign nation  
 or colony each member of the United  
 States senate and house of representa-  
 tives, and each governor of state or  
 territory, who will be admitted as  
 honorary members.

Phoenix, where the congress will  
 meet, is a progressive city of 12,000  
 inhabitants, the capital of Ariz. Its  
 local committee of arrangements head-  
 ed by Walter Talbot, has made every  
 arrangement for the comfort of the  
 delegates, who will know and carry  
 out the congress with a minimum of  
 trouble. The chief virtue of Phoenix  
 as a place of meeting lies in the  
 fact that it is in the richest irrigated  
 valley in America—that of the Salt  
 River, which irrigation works of the  
 greatest magnitude can be seen and  
 studied by the delegates to the con-  
 gress.

Some of the states have gone into  
 the solution of the irrigation ques-  
 tion very earnestly. Idaho made arrange-  
 ments, immediately after the passage  
 of the law granting arid lands to the  
 states, to establish colonies of eastern  
 settlers on irrigable land. This had  
 been done in California nearly 25 years  
 before and had proved successful. At  
 Riverside, California, where utter deso-  
 lation once prevailed, there are now  
 100,000 acres of orange groves, and the  
 colony ships \$1,250,000 worth of oranges  
 every year. If Idaho succeeds in doing  
 as well as California with her arid  
 land, she will have no difficulty getting  
 an additional grant of a million acres  
 for further development.

The question of federal legislation  
 has become less important to the  
 friends of irrigation, but state legisla-  
 tion is of importance in proportion,  
 and legislation will be the chief  
 subject of discussion in the  
 congress at Phoenix. Many technical  
 addresses will be delivered, but the  
 chief discussion will be on the subject  
 of legislation.

## Darkest Russia.

A direct appeal is made to the intel-  
 ligence of the better class of the  
 goers in presenting "Darkest Russia."  
 Every detail is perfect. The play itself  
 is an embodiment of all the essential  
 elements required to make a perfect  
 stage production. The heart interest in  
 the play is in the midst of a  
 fete in a palace in St. Petersburg, from  
 which, as the story progresses, the  
 spectator is carried to a secret meeting  
 of a body of desperate nihilists in their  
 garrets and apartments. The arrest of  
 the conspirators brings the next scene  
 before the minister of police and from  
 there the east transition to Siberia  
 with the sentenced convicts is made.

"Darkest Russia" owes its success to  
 the perfect manner in which it has  
 been presented. The company com-  
 prises the best artists in the  
 profession, and each year the company  
 has been improved materially from the  
 original production. It is the only  
 play of recent years that has given uni-  
 versal satisfaction to all classes of  
 theatre goers and is a lasting monu-  
 ment to the genius of an American  
 author and the enterprise of American  
 management.

County Judge Harper filed his reply  
 last evening to Lew Davis' notice of  
 contest for the county judgeship, the  
 feature of which is the denial that  
 there was any such person running for  
 office as J. H. Harper, or that any  
 voter believed he was voting for J. H.  
 Harper at the election. The name  
 was placed on the democratic ticket by  
 mistake.

The county commissioners are against  
 buying so much medicine for the  
 paupers, that the drug bill is  
 much in excess of the death rate. Also  
 Mr. Courchesne can not understand  
 why it is that the sheriff does not  
 provide cooking utensils as well as  
 food for the county prisoners. The  
 sheriff, however, can not see it in that  
 light.

Two's hose held its annual meeting  
 last night in the city hall where A. A.  
 Howard was elected president, Jersey  
 McPike, vice president, and Robt.  
 Bernauer, foreman. The new officers  
 "set 'em up."

# THERE IS NOTHING THAT SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS!

Our Special Sales Days have been a great  
 success, and in order to keep up with this  
 good work we will again slash our  
 prices tomorrow. Note the follow-  
 ing exceedingly low figures.

## Fine Dress Goods!

	Worth	Co At
40-in all-wool Henriettas.....	75c.....	38c yd
36-in all-wool flannel.....	35c.....	20c yd
38-in Brocaded Cashmere.....	35c.....	20c yd
48-in Storm Serge, Black and Navy..	75c.....	52c yd
44-in Scotch Plaids, beautiful colors..	75c.....	52c yd

Your choice of any of those well known short length  
 dress goods, worth from 75c to \$2 per yd at....60c yd

## SPECIAL! SPECIAL!

Dr. Warner's Health Corsets, worth \$1.50 sell at... 75c  
 Silk Umbrellas worth from \$3 to \$5 sell at.... \$1 50  
 Black Hose, fast colors, worth 50c pr, sell at.... 20c  
 100 doz. Handkerchiefs, worth 60c doz, sell at....20c dz

We carry a good assortment of Toys, Mexican  
 Drawn Work, Silk Mufflers, Embroidered  
 Handkerchiefs, Stamped Linens, Linen Table  
 Sets, Kid Gloves, Etc., suitable for Christmas  
 Presents.

Do not forget that if you make your purchase  
 tomorrow you will get 10 per cent off on ev-  
 erything, accept on articles named above, at

# BLUMENTHAL'S

NEXT DOOR TO STATE NATIONAL BANK.

## The Cuban Situation.

The United Press just scooped the  
 Associated Press from the word "go,"  
 this morning. The Associated simply  
 was not in it at all. The United Press  
 report had an account of a big meeting  
 last night in New York, and not one  
 word in the dispatches of the Associated  
 Press. An account of that big meeting  
 in Gotham is as follows:

A Cuban League of the United States  
 was formally organized in New York  
 city last evening. The men behind the  
 movement are so well known and carry  
 so much weight that it is beyond doubt  
 that this is the beginning of a move-  
 ment that will take no small part in the  
 history of both countries. The meeting  
 organized with Colonel Edwin Allen as  
 president and the following as vice  
 presidents: Charles A. Dana, former  
 Governor Roswell P. Flower, former  
 Postmaster General Thomas M. James,  
 Chauncey M. Depew, John R. D.  
 Passer, Theodore Roosevelt, ex-Mayor  
 Thomas F. Gilroy, George Hoadly, J.  
 Edward Simmons and C. H. Dennison.

Francis Wayland Glen was elected  
 secretary, and the executive committee  
 was made up as follows: John Jacob Astor, Paul  
 Dana, General Butterfield, Colonel  
 Fred Grant, Walter Lufan, Edwin  
 Vandam, Josiah C. McGuire, R. C.  
 Alexander, Constant A. Andrews,  
 Frank B. Carpenter, John D. Kelley  
 and Thomas R. Stuart.

The call reads in part: "The object  
 of league is to secure for Cuba, by all  
 lawful, peaceful and honorable means,  
 the political independence which her  
 patriots are now endeavoring by trean-  
 dorous sacrifices of treasure and life to  
 gain, to encourage them with our sym-  
 pathy and moral support and to arouse  
 the whole nation to demand an end of  
 the campaign of murder and destruction  
 in that island. Mindful of the help  
 which our fathers gave in this city to  
 the struggle, we are constrained by a sense  
 of gratitude to turn to Cuba the kind-  
 ness which was so effectively given to us."

The call was signed by all the men  
 named above and